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The Honorable Roger Niello
State Capitol, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Niello:

I wanted to share some important information with you about the Easy Voter Guide (EVG) that the League of Women Voters (LWV) published for the June 8, 2010, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

On April 28, 2010, my office learned that the EVG, which the LWV printed 1.2 million copies of for distribution, has nearly 40 errors in the list of candidates.

The EVG erroneously includes candidates who are not on the Secretary of State's Certified List of Candidates, and it also excludes several candidates who are on the Secretary of State's Certified List of Candidates and will be on the ballots provided to voters.

Despite the LWV's error in listing the Secretary of State's office as being a part of the project that developed the EVG, my office does not produce the EVG, it did not review the contents of the EVG, and it did not provide funding to produce the EVG.

As a result of the numerous, substantive errors contained in the guide, the Secretary of State's office will not be distributing the EVG for this election, and has asked the LWV to halt distribution of the guide as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may reach my Deputy Secretary of State for Legislative and Constituent Affairs, Ronda Paschal, at (916) 653-6774.

Sincerely

Debra Bowen
Secretary of State

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